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CORRESPONDENTS REPORT BY DAVID WILLIAMS MOGADISCIO

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INTRO: THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY MINISTERIAL MEETING CONTINUED ITS SESSION IN MOGADISCIO MONDAY IN PREPARATION FOR THE SUMMIT SCHEDULED TO OPEN ON WEDNESDAY. VOA CORRESPONDENT DAVID WILLIAMS CABLED THE FOLLOWING REPORT FROM THE SOMALI CAPITAL.

TEXT: THE OAU COMMITTEE DISCUSSING LIBERATION QUESTIONS MONDAY HEARD FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE SEYCHELLES, JAMES MANCHAM. CONFERENCE SOURCES SAID HE WAS ASKING THE OAU FOR OBSERVER STATUS AND THEN FULL MEMBERSHIP FOR THE SEYCHELLES WHEN THEY OBTAIN INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN NEXT YEAR. EARLIER THIS YEAR, MISTER MANCHAM WAS ELECTED TO ANOTHER TERM OF OFFICE ON THE INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS. IN THE PAST, THE OAU HAD RECOGNISED HIS OPPOSITION AS A LIBERATION GROUP BECAUSE MANCHAM'S PARTY FAVORED REMAINING TIED TO BRITAIN. BUT NOW THE PRIME MINISTER FAVORS INDEPENDENCE AND IS READY TO PATCH THINGS UP WITH THE OAU.

OPT: ON OTHER MATTERS MONDAY, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE VIET CONG REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING THE OAU CONFERENCE, MADAME BIN, HAD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH MADAGASCAR'S FOREIGN MINISTER, DIDIER RATSIRAKA, TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. REPRESENT-
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ATIVES OF CAMBODIA'S EXILED PRINCE SIHANOUK ARE ALSO ATTENDING

THE MOGADISCIO MEETING. END OPT

THE SOMALI NEWSPAPER, OCTOBER STAR, REPORTED MONDAY THAT PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT ANTONIO DE SPINOLA HAD SENT THE OAU A MESSAGE EXPLAINING HIS GOVERNMENT'S PEACE EFFORTS IN ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES. THE MESSAGE TO GENERAL GOWON OF NIGERIA WHO IS CURRENT OAU CHAIRMAN UNDERLINED PORTUGAL'S PLAN TO GRANT SELF-DETERMINATION TO ITS TERRITORIES. THE STAR ALSO REPORTED THAT A MORE DETAILED PORTUGUESE MESSAGE IS EXPECTED DURING THE OAU SUMMIT.

OVER THE WEEKEND, AFRICAN RELATIONS WITH ARAB OIL PRODUCERS WAS A MAJOR THEME OF DISCUSSION. THE ARABS HAVE PROMISED A TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR FUND FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES OF WHICH MORE THAN HALF WAS NOW AVAILABLE BUT THE ARABS SAID THEY COULD NOT LOWER OIL PRICES. THE ARBS STATES HAVE SAID THEY WILL GIVE THE MONEY TO AFRICAN STATES IN THE FORM OF LOANS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS...A PLAN REJECTED BY THE OAU. THE AFRICAN MINISTERS WANT THE ARAB STATES TO GIVE THE MONEY TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AS A GIFT. THE BANK WOULD THEN LOAN IT OUT TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS ON A REVOLVING FUND BASIS. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE ARAB OIL PRODUCERS WILL ACCEPT THIS PLAN. ITEM

NOTE: EXPECTED DAILY 10GMT BRIEFING DID NOT TAKE PLACE
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